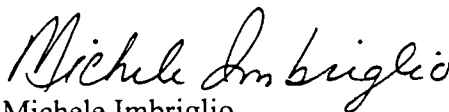


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Dear RAB Members:

Enclosed please find a copy of the minutes (including enclosures) from the January 19, 2000 RAB meeting. If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at (401)841-7714.

Very truly yours,

  
Michele Imbriglio  
RAB Secretary

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NAVAL STATION NEWPORT  
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
January 19, 2000

MINUTES

On Wednesday, January 19, 2000, the NAVSTA Newport Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) gathered at the Officer's Club for its monthly meeting. The meeting began at 7:00pm and ended at 8:55pm.

In attendance were Claudette Weissinger, Emmett Turley, Mary Blake, Thurston Gray, Richard Coogan, Howard Porter, John Palmieri, Dave Egan, David Brown, Larry Allen, Barbara Barrow, Esq., Capt. A. C. Oakleaf NAVSTA, Capt. Herb Schwind NAVSTA, Melissa Griffin NAVSTA, Shannon Behr NAVSTA, Greg Kohlweiss NAVSTA PAO, James Shafer NORTHDIV, Paul Kulpa RIDEM, Kymberlee Keckler USEPA, Sarah White USEPA, Jennifer Stump Gannett Fleming.

Barbara Barrow, Esq., Community Co-Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed the group. November meeting minutes were approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Project Committee: The project committee did not meet as there is no committee chair. Nominations to fill the vacancy are being sought.

Project Committee-VACANT-Nominations to fill the vacancy are still being sought. Anyone interested should contact Barbara Barrow.

Planning Committee-John Palmieri Committee Chair: The McAllister Landfill project will tie up a large portion of the funding over the next few years and there will be fewer immediate issues right now. The planning committee feels now would be a good time to conduct some special training sessions for the RAB or have guest speakers or other groups give presentations at the meetings. Perhaps the presentations could discuss other activities on Aquidneck Island or alternative clean up methods, etc..

Dave Brown expressed that many citizens are interested in the plans for reuse of land that may be excessed in the future.

Dave Brown finds that the public feels the idea of cleaning areas to the pristine levels that the EPA sometimes requires and spending the amounts of money required to reach these levels is a "waste" of Federal money because once the land is cleaned up it is not reused.

There is a great deal of concern for the natural habitat of the sites. The RAB wants to be sure ecological damage assessments are conducted at the sites and that where possible the natural habitat be restored.

Howard Porter on behalf of Eugene Love-There was a recent article in the Newport Daily News on the McAllister clean up. Eugene thought the article portrayed the Navy and the RAB in a bad light. Copies of two articles (Newport Daily News and the Providence Journal) have been obtained since this meeting and are attached as enclosure (3).

Membership Committee-Howard Porter Committee Chair: 5 RAB member applications have been sent out to Middletown residents. None have been returned as of this meeting. There is 1 vacancy on the board.

Public Information-Claudette Weissinger Committee Chair: The final newsletter of 1999 was distributed in December. Next newsletter will be a historical review of the IR sites at Newport.

#### ACTIVITY UPDATE-James Shafer

James Shafer gave a brief status report on various IR sites as follows;

Old Firefighting Training Area-Offshore: A draft final Ecological Risk Assessment (ERA) report was submitted July 30. Comments were received on September 8 and October 28. Following a November 4 conference call it was decided that additional data will be collected prior to finalization of the ERA report. A December 8 meeting agreed to review secondary proposal under preparation by RIDEM. A Final ERA will be submitted in the Spring 2000. A Draft Final Remedial Investigation Report (RI) is planned for Summer 2000. See Enclosure (1).

McAllister Point Landfill-Offshore: A Record of Decision (ROD) was submitted in December. The pre-design work is complete. A final report was submitted in December. Pre-

design Planning meeting is scheduled for February 2000.  
See Enclosure (1)

McAllister Point Landfill-Onshore: Quarterly monitoring of landfill gas and groundwater continues. Next sampling event will be in Spring 2000. See Enclosure (1)

Tank Farm 5: Two additional bedrock wells have been installed. Groundwater sampling is scheduled for January 2000. See Enclosure (1).

Derecktor Shipyard-Onshore: - Building 42 Sump removal is scheduled for March 2000. A removal action report will be submitted in the Summer of 2000. See Enclosure (1).

Derecktor Shipyard-Offshore: Final Feasibility Study (FS) was submitted on July 30. Funding for the Proposed Plan for Remediation is planned for FY04. Funding for remediation planned for FY05/06. See Enclosure (1).

Melville North Landfill: Excavation and off site disposal of material is in progress. A total of 52,600 tons of material have been shipped offsite. See Enclosure (1).

Gould Island: Installation Restoration Field Work will begin in FY00. A final building demolition work plan was submitted in October. See Enclosure (1).

#### TAG REPORT

There is no report.

#### Gould Island Video

A video tour of Gould Island was shown to the RAB. Anyone wishing to view the video can contact Michele Imbriglio at (401)841-7714.

#### RAB Budget

The RAB budget for FY00 is \$36,000.00. This is an \$11,000.00 increase over the FY99 budget of \$25,000.00. The current funds (FY00) expire 30 Sept 00. There has been \$3,000.00 allocated to the development and implementation of a training program. The remainder of the budget is allocated for 11 RAB meetings, RAB support services, Newsletters, Meeting Notices and miscellaneous RAB relations. See Enclosure (2).

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) is scheduled for Wednesday, **February 16, 2000**, at 7 p.m., at the Officers' Club. The agenda will include a discussion of allowable training sessions for RAB members and a discussion of the format and frequency of the RAB meetings.

#### Enclosures:

- (1) Activity Updates
- (2) FY 2000 RAB Budget
- (3) Newport Daily News and  
Providence Journal newspaper  
articles

# Activity Update:

## Old Firefighting Training Area

- *Off Shore:*
  - Draft Final ERA submitted on July 30.
  - Received comments September 8 & October 28
  - November 4 conference call, decided to proceed with collection of additional data prior to finalizing ERA report
  - December 8 meeting agreed to review a secondary proposal under preparation by RIDEM
  - Final ERA will be submitted in Spring 2000
  - **Draft Final Remedial Investigation Report (RI) planned for Summer 2000**

# Activity Update:

## McAllister Point Landfill - Offshore

- Record of Decision submitted December
- Pre design data report submitted  
December
- Pre Design Planning meeting February 00



# Activity Update:

## McAllister Point Landfill - Onshore

- Continue long term monitoring of landfill gas and groundwater
- Next event Spring 2000

# Activity Update:

## Tank Farm 5

- *Two additional bedrock wells installed*
- *Ground water sampling January 2000*

# Activity Update:

## Derecktor Shipyard

- *On - Shore*
  - *Building 42 Sump Removal in March 2000*
  - *Submit removal action report Summer 2000*
- *Off - Shore*
  - Final FS submitted on 30 July.
  - Funding for Proposed Plan for Remediation planned for FY 2004
  - Funding for remediation planned for 2005/2006

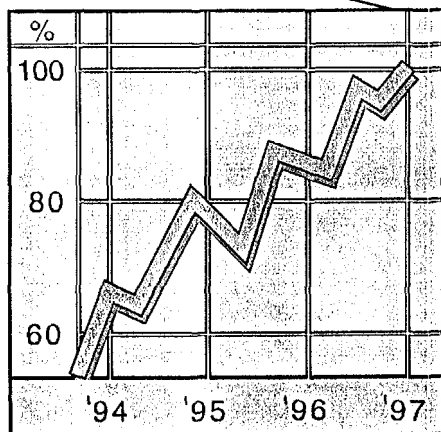
# Activity Update:

## Melville North Landfill

- Excavation and off site disposal of material
  - Model City, NY
  - Environmental Soil Management Facility, N.H.
  - Turnkey Landfill, N.H.
  - Crapo Hill Landfill, New Bedford MA
  - BFI Landfill Fall River MA
  - Mid City Scrap, MA
- Total of 93,000 tons shipped offsite 12/99

# Activity Update:

- Gould Island
  - Start Installation Restoration Field Work in FY 2000
  - Final Demolition Workplan submitted October



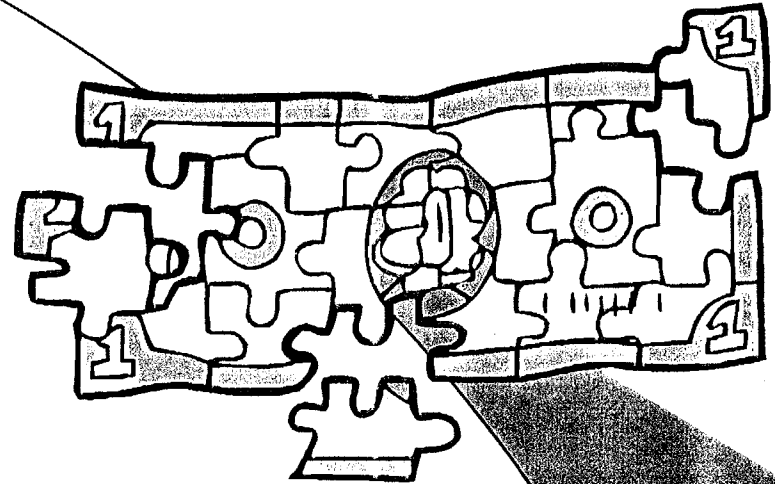
## ***FY 2000 RAB Budget***

\$36,000.00

- \$11K increase from FY99's \$25K budget
- FY99 Expended \$25K
- Funds expire on 30 Sept 00
- \$3K to develop and implement a training program

# ***FY 2000 RAB Budget***

- 11 RAB Meetings
- RAB Support Services
  - Draft Minutes
  - Develop notices
  - Format Newsletter
  - Archive documents for Administrative Record
- 4 Quarterly RAB Newsletters
- RAB Meeting Notices
- Miscellaneous RAB Relations
  - Support Records of Decision
  - GI Video
  - RAB Web Page



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# Navy agrees to dredge toxic soil at landfill site

■ Naval Station Newport, under an agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the state Department of Environmental Management, will remove 34,000 cubic yards of sediment and debris from the shore of McAllister Point.

Daily News staff

NEWPORT — Naval Station Newport has signed an agreement with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the state Department of Environmental Management to dredge toxic sediment from the shore of the former McAllister Point landfill.

McAllister Point, located on 11.5 acres between Narragansett Bay and Burma Road, is just south of Green Lane. It was used from the mid-1950s to the mid-1970s as a landfill for waste generated from the naval complex, naval housing units and ships based in Newport. Besides normal domestic waste, the site also handled spent acids, solvents and waste oils, including PCB-contaminated oils.

In 1989, the site was added to the EPA's National Priorities List, bet-

ter known as the Superfund List. In 1993, the Navy began cleanup operations by sealing the surface of the landfill with an impermeable fabric membrane and layers of clay and topsoil. It also placed underground, waterproof barriers between the landfill and Narragansett Bay to prevent groundwater from the landfill from seeping into the bay.

In 1997, additional studies determined the landfill material is up to 15 feet thick at the base of the stone revetment around the site. Contaminated sediment and landfill debris extend more than 100 feet into the bay in some locations.

The Navy has agreed to dredge and dispose of about 34,000 cubic yards of sediment and debris from the higher risk offshore areas closest to land. The area will be backfilled with clean material.

The Navy also has agreed to annually monitor sediment and marine life in offshore areas farther away from the shoreline. If contaminant levels are lower after five years, the monitoring will be reduced to once every five years.

Detailed plans on the agreement will be available for review at the Newport, Middletown and Portsmouth public libraries.



# Agencies study Navy plan to clean up toxic waste

■ The Navy would dredge a strip of sea bed west of Aquidneck Island and monitor contamination farther offshore.

By ZACHARY BLOCK  
Journal Staff Writer

NEWPORT — Naval Station Newport, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the state Department of Environmental Management have reached an agreement on a Navy plan to remove toxic sediment off McAllister Point, the Navy has announced.

The Navy presented the plan to the EPA and DEM late last week, but now the environmental agencies must sign off on the proposal.

The plan calls for dredging and disposing of around 34,000 cubic yards of sediment and debris — enough to cover a football field with a layer of sludge 20 feet thick — from a strip of shoreline around the point on the west side of Aquidneck Island.

The project will temporarily devastate the sea life in the dredged area, but the Navy has said it prefers digging up and replacing the sediment because it's the most complete long-term cure.

Under the plan, an area of less polluted sediment further off shore will be monitored long-term by the Navy.

"I applaud the Navy's leadership in designing a solution that protects Narragansett Bay and for forging a meaningful and effective partnership with the agencies tasked with stewardship of our natural resources," John P. DeVillars, the EPA's New England administrator, said last week.

## NEWPORT

## Cleanup

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Peyton Flemming, an EPA spokesman, said the Navy proposal is "a very good plan," but the agency still needs to review it to ensure it complies with federal laws concerning marine estuaries and is "fully protective" of the environment. Flemming said it would take at least a month to do the review.

Repeated messages left at the DEM were not returned.

The Navy has estimated the cost of the project, which will take approximately a year to a year-and-

a-half to complete, at \$23 million. The plan is essentially the same one that was presented to the public this summer, Navy spokesman Dave Sanders said.

Because pollution levels vary at McAllister Point, the offshore area has been divided into two sections: the nearshore area, a strip 75 to 100 feet wide and up to 15 feet deep next to the shoreline, which contains higher levels of contaminants; and a distant offshore area, which extends farther into the Bay, and is less polluted.

Under the Navy plan, the toxic sediment and debris from the nearshore area would be disposed of at a yet to be determined facility,

probably an out-of-state landfill Sanders said.

The dredged area would then be backfilled with clean material.

The Navy will monitor the less polluted offshore area, conducting annual surveys of the sediment and marine life. If contaminant levels reduce after five years, the monitoring will be once every five years, the Navy said.

The contamination around McAllister Point can be traced to a landfill the Navy operated there for 2 years, from the mid-1950s to the mid-1970s. For 20 years, the 11 acre dump took waste from Navy housing, machine shops and ship based in Newport. According to the Navy, materials disposed at the site included domestic waste, spears, acids, solvents, waste oil and oil containing poisonous PCBs.

The landfill made the federal priority Superfund list of hazardous waste sites in 1989. The Navy capped the dump with a waterproof membrane in 1996.

The pollution at the point poses a health risk to sea life, shore birds and people who may regularly eat shellfish harvested from the area, according to the Navy plan.

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